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(SBU) POLOFF delivered REF comments 23 November to Nineta Barbulescu, Director of the MFA Directorate for OCSE, Asymmetric Threats and Nonproliferation. Barbulescu expressed Romanian support for the Angarsk Reserve, but expressed concern that the Non-Aligned Movement countries continue to oppose the idea. She said bilateral efforts to bring the Non-Aligned countries on board should continue; that they do not understand the reserve is in their best interest regarding their nuclear energy options. The Russian Embassy had already passed the text of the resolution and solicited Romania's support as a co-sponsor. As of 24 November the Romanian government was still discussing whether or not to co-sponsor the resolution. Romania was concerned that co-sponsoring would publicly indicate a shift from their standard moderate line in the IAEA. Barbulesu requested the technical details of the reserve. 12. (SBU) Romania is requesting an invite to the April 2010 Nuclear Summit. This request was also delivered by Romanian State Secretary Bogdan Aurescu during his visit to Washington earlier this Romania respectfully requests information on who to engage to solicit a spot at the table. GITENSTEIN